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AIR FREIGHT UP 17.5% IN APRIL, 20% IN FIRST FOUR MONTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 24 -- Air freight was up 17.5 percent in April, compared with April a year ago, and registered a 20 percent gain for the first four months of the year, the Air Transport Association said today.

ATA noted that April was the ninth month in a row of double digit gains in air freight traffic.

Domestic air freight in April rose 16.4 percent. Mail was up 7 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, was up 14.2 percent.

International air freight in April was up 19.4 percent. Mail had a gain of 9 percent, and total international air cargo rose 18 percent.

For the first four months, domestic air freight was up 20.1 percent. Mail rose 11.7 percent, and total air cargo registered a gain of 18.1 percent.

International air freight in the first four months increased 19.8 percent. Mail was up 11.8 percent, and total international air cargo was up 18.7 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
APRIL	1984	312,806	89,203	402,009	193,230	27,638	220,868	506,036	622,877
APRIL	1983	268,788	83,337	352,125	161,791	25,361	187,152	430,579	539,277
PERCENT CHANGE		16.4	7.0	14.2	19.4	9.0	18.0	17.5	15.5
4 MONTHS	1984	1,231,497	361,735	1,593,232	723,154	109,623	832,777	1,954,651	2,426,009
4 MONTHS	1983	1,025,529	323,879	1,349,408	603,733	98,075	701,808	1,629,262	2,051,216
PERCENT CHANGE		20.1	11.7	18.1	19.8	11.8	18.7	20.0	18.3

NOTES: Carriers included: Aircal, Air Florida, Alaska, Aloha, American, Capitol, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.

Northwest data are not included in international figures.